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New Group Says CIA Leads 'Insurrection'

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The world is safe or threatening, a comforting place or a dangerous corner, depending on the view.

Politics, especially, is in the eye of the beholder, and who knows who beholds the Truth?

A small, "non-foreign-dominated Communist organization," called the National Caucus of Labor Committee (NCLC), charged at a news conference here Friday that the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) is leading an insurrection against the government of the United States and the U.S. Constitution.

'Brainwashing'

The CIA is "brainwashing" citizens and then allowing them to infiltrate trade unions, leftist groups, and police departments in an effort to "control" the coming uprising of the populace, according to Richard Pollak, a member of the Madison Labor Committee, an NCLC local affiliate.

Pollak said his organization,

which counts about 10 Madison members, is "preparing for the coming economic depression."

The press conference drew five people, excluding followers, at St. Francis House, 1001 University Ave.

Couper 'Network'

Madison Police Chief David Couper's attempt to create "storefront" police stations would result in a "network" of neighborhood informants reporting to the "friendly neighborhood police officer," Pollak said.

The group charged that two University of Wisconsin-Madison programs — the Industrial Relations Institute and the Poverty Institute — were developing studies "useful to the capitalistic class and against the working class as the depression worsens."

"This is not just fantasy," Pollak said.

"You know that the CIA is capable of doing these things," said another MLC member, who declined to be identified.